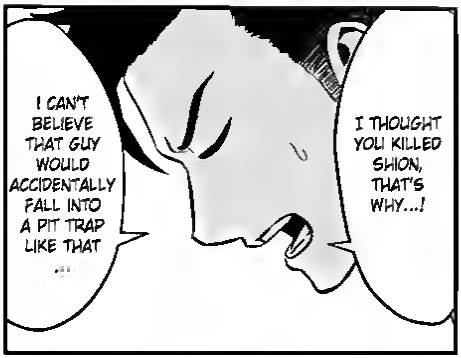
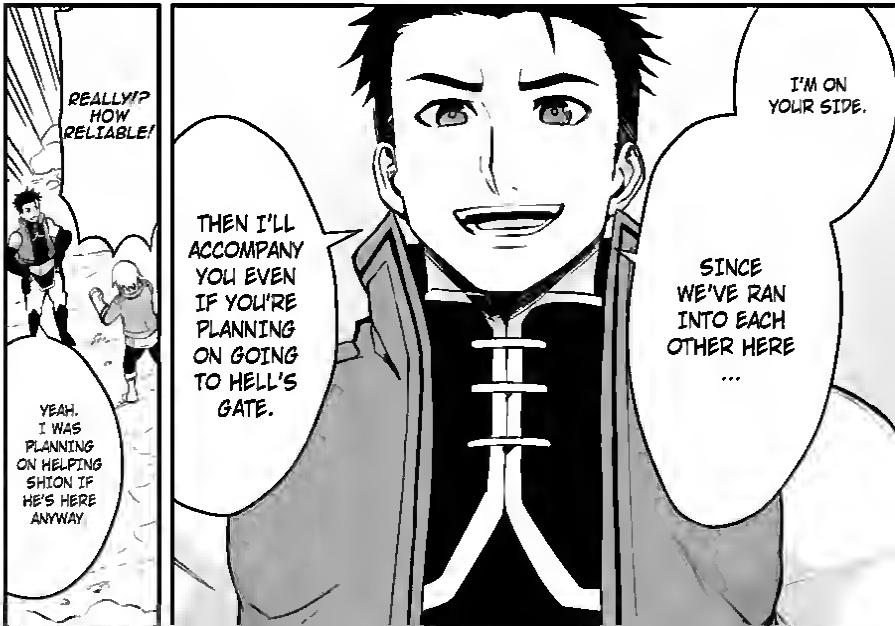
Episode 96_Labyrinth Cities



IF YOU'RE JUST SOMEONE THAT'S USING SHION'S BODY FOR EVIL DEEDS, THEN THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO TAKE THE RISK TO COME TO THE LABYRINTH.
OF COURSE I BELIEVE YOU!
YOU BEING HERE SERVES AS THE BEST PROOF.

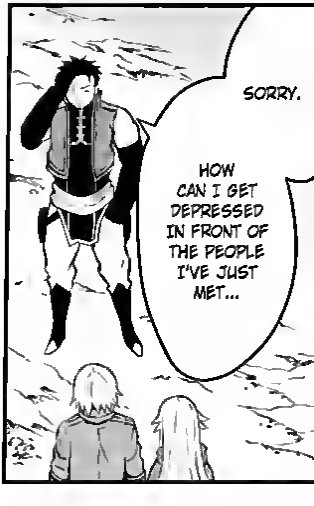
HAHAHA! NICOLA AND KYLE ARE JUST A BUNCH OF WEIRDOS!
YOU MUST'VE HAD IT TOUGH!
I THOUGHT EVERYONE WILL TRY TO KILL ME LIKE NICOLA AND KYLE...
THANK GOD! I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S ACTUALLY A SENSIBLE PERSON IN THE HERO'S PARTY!
AH!

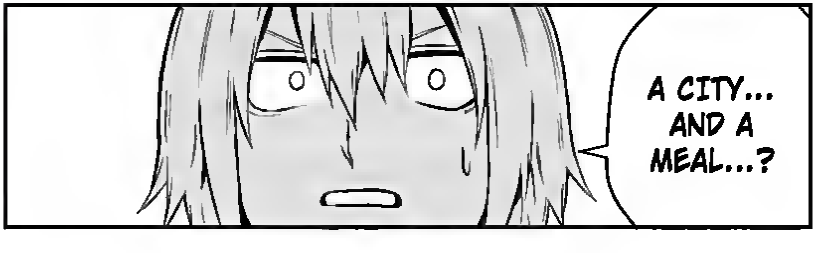

REALLY!? HOW RELIABLE!
YEAH. I WAS PLANNING ON HELPING SHION IF HE'S HERE ANYWAY
THEN I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU EVEN IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON GOING TO HELL'S GATE.
SINCE WE'VE RAN INTO EACH OTHER HERE ...
I'M ON YOUR SIDE.

THE FOUR OF YOU...?
WE WERE ALL CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL... A LITTLE LONELY...
ALTHOUGH SHION'S SPIRIT IS STILL AMONG US...
LOOKS LIKE OUT OF THE FOUR OF US, I'M THE ONLY ONE LEFT...
THERE'S SHION, AND ME.
SHION'S BIG SISTER, BRIDGET.
AND THE OTHER IS A GIRL CALLED BEATRICE. WE WERE ALL FROM THE SAME VILLAGE.
THE FOUR OF US WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER, AND THE JOURNEY 3 YEARS AGO WAS NO EXCEPTION.
COME TO THINK OF IT, NICOLA DID MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT...
THE HERO LOSING HIS SISTER AND CHILDHOOD FRIEND THREE YEARS AGO.

THEN MAYBE I WOULD FALL INTO A PIT OF DESPAIR AND NEVER RECOVER FROM THE DEPRESSION ...
IF I WASN'T ABLE TO SAVE YUNA AT THAT TIME...
THAT MUST HAVE BEEN HARSH ...

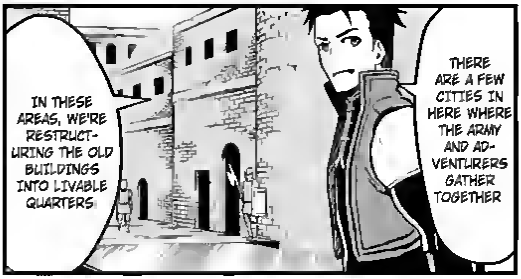
THERE'S A CITY NORTH OF HERE.
I'LL TREAT YOU TO A MEAL AS AN APOLOGY.
OH RIGHT! ARE YOU HUNGRY?


HOW CAN I GET DEPRESSED IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE I'VE JUST MET...
SORRY.


A CITY... AND A MEAL...?

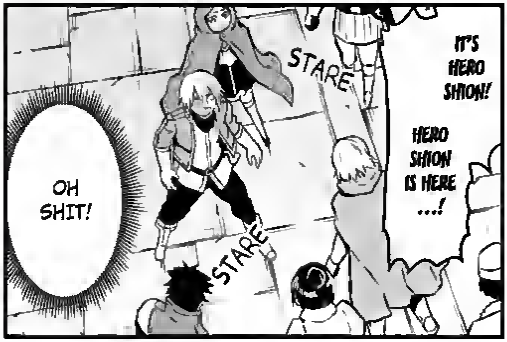
WE'RE HERE!
LABYRINTH CITY 3.

ROSELIA ...!
THIS PLACE IS GOVERNED BY THE ROSELIA ARMY.


IN THESE AREAS, WE'RE RESTRUCTURING THE OLD BUILDINGS INTO LIVABLE QUARTERS.
THERE ARE A FEW CITIES IN HERE WHERE THE ARMY AND ADVENTURERS GATHER TOGETHER

IT'S MADE FROM MAGIC WE'LL BREAK IT IF A STRONG DEMON TRIES TO ATTACK.
A GLASS BRIDGE.

DIDN'T MASTER SAY THE ROSELIA KINGDOM WANTS TO USE THE DEMON'S CORPSE TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD ...?
IN THAT CASE, SINCE THE HERO BELONGS TO THE FAROM KINGDOM... I WOULD BE A HINDRANCE TO THEIR OPERATION ...
DAMMIT, AS IF ADVENTURERS WEREN'T ENOUGH ...


IT'S HERO SHION!
STARE
HERO SHION IS HERE ...!
OH SHIT!
STARE

I THINK WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO THE ENTRANCE
THERE ARE PEOPLE WAITING FOR US BACK THERE
HEY! LOOK!

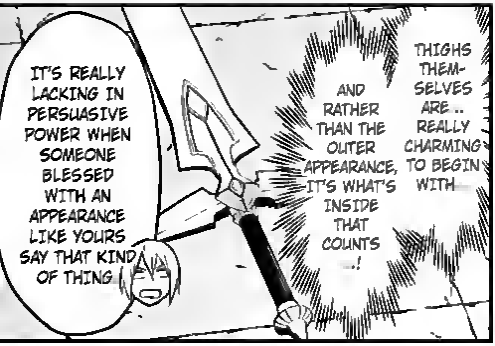
HUH...?
HERO!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO MEET YOU!
PLEASE GIVE ME AN AUTO-GRAPH!
KYAAAH! IT'S HIM IN PERSON!

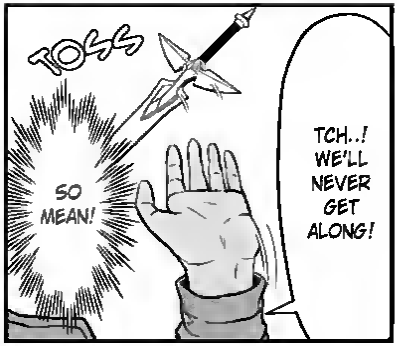
SO EVEN THOUGH THEY WANT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, THEY ARE STILL PRETENDING TO BE FRIENDLY ON THE SURFACE.
I SEE ...
IF THAT HAPPENS, THEN FAROH WOULDN'T BE HAPPY. IT WOULD CAUSE A WAR!
HAHAHA...! YOU THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE KILLED?
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO NERVOUS, IT'S SAFE HERE.
THE ROSELIA ARMY IS HERE, ADVEN-TURERS WOULDN'T DARE TO TRY ANYTHING.
YEAH, THAT'S THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT THIS BODY, BUT FOR SOME REASON, NOTHING GOOD EVER HAPPENS..
BUT WOW, THE HERO IS STILL AS POPULAR AS EVER.
I WOULD NEVER CHEAT ON HER.
HAHA! I'VE ALREADY SWORN MY ETERNAL LOVE TO SOMEONE
DID YOU SECRETLY BUILD YOURSELF A LITTLE HAREM?
YOU'RE ALSO A HERO THAT SAVED THE WORLD, SURELY YOUR POPULARITY IS ALSO SKY-HIGH, NO?

WHAT A SHAME. EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE SURROUNDED BY ALL THESE BEAUTIFUL LADIES WITH SUCH NICE THIGHS.
YOU!
SO YOU ARE INTO THIGHS!?
EH...? YOU AS WELL—?
NAH, I'M ALL ABOUT THAT ASS

BUT SHION IS ALSO A THIGH-MAN.
LOOKS LIKE YOU TWO HAVE A LOT IN COMMON. YOU MUST BE QUITE THE HERO SUBSTITUTE.
WHAT!
IS THAT TRUE!? HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME!
TH-THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN JUST CASUALLY TELL PEOPLE OUT OF THE BLUE!
HA HAHA! SHION IS A VERY RE-SERVED GUY!

TRUTH BE TOLD, I NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU THAT FONDLY BEFORE, BUT NOW WE'RE BEST PALS, SHION.
SOFT AND PLUMP THIGHS WITH KNEE SOCKS ON, ESPECIALLY WHERE THE SOCKS EVER SO SLIGHTLY DIGS INTO THE THIGHS, REALLY BRINGS OUT THE MOST STIMULATION AND EXCITEMENT, RIGHT!
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME FOR APPROVAL ...
SORRY BUT, SHION LIKES BARE LEGS.


THIGHS THEM-SELVES ARE ... REALLY CHARMING TO BEGIN WITH...
AND RATHER THAN THE OUTER APPEARANCE, IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS ...!
IT'S REALLY LACKING IN PERSUASIVE POWER WHEN SOMEONE BLESSED WITH AN APPEARANCE LIKE YOURS SAY THAT KIND OF THING


TCH..! WE'LL NEVER GET ALONG!
TOSS
SO MEAN!

OH RIGHT, I'M THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN HEAR HIM.
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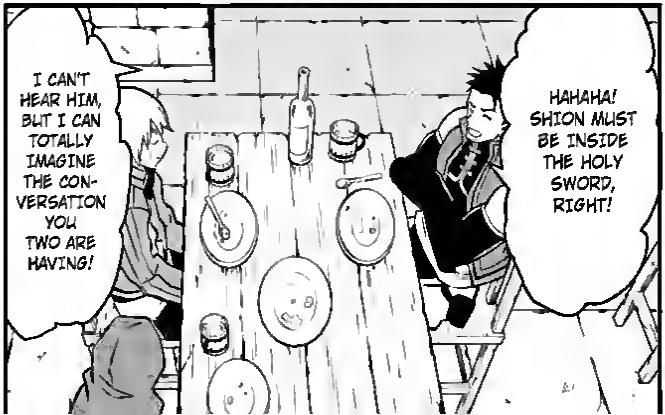
I CAN'T HEAR HIM, BUT I CAN TOTALLY IMAGINE THE CON-VERSATION YOU TWO ARE HAVING!
HAHAHA! SHION MUST BE INSIDE THE HOLY SWORD, RIGHT!

I ACTUALLY TOOK SOME SOMA'S DROPS FROM NICOLA.
IF I USE THIS, THEN I CAN TEMPORARILY INCREASE MY MANA LEVEL HIGH ENOUGH TO SUMMON SHION.
TOUKA-DONO, YOU MUSTN'T! SOMA'S DROP IS VERY DANGER-OUS...!
A BOTTLE OR TWO IS PERFECTLY FINE! IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE BEEN ABUSING IT DURING BATTLES OR ANYTHING
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE SHION EVEN AFTER HELL'S GATE IS SEALED.
REALLY!?
IT'S JUST THAT, WHEN YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND PASSES AWAY IN AN UNKNOWN PLACE...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU TWO WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO MEET AGAIN...
THAT IS JUST TOO SADDENING AND HEART BREAKING ...
TOUKA ...

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.
YOU... ARE REALLY KIND.
OH! IT'S MY KNEE SOCKS TURN!
CAN'T LET THE HERO SEE BARE LEGS!
SOME NICE LADIES JUST CAME IN!
HEY, LOOK!
!
WHY ARE ALL OF YOU HERE...?
HUH...?

WE WERE WORRIED, SO WE CAME TO LOOK FOR YOU...
BUT YOU SURE ARE HAVING A BLAST HERE, EH?
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN OUR MONEY AND SPENT IT ALL PARTYING IN ADULT STORES, WOULD YOU?
WA-WAIT! THE MONEY'S ALL HERE!
YEAH!
RIGHT? ANRI?
BUT WE'VE RAN INTO SOME PRETTY NASTY TROUBLE AND ALMOST DIED!
THE LADIES IN THE ADULT STORE DID SOME NASTY THINGS TO TOUKA-DONO.
NASTY THINGS!?

WHAT SHE MEANT BY THE "NASTY THING" IS THAT I WAS ALMOST KILLED...
GYAAA!!
HAHAHA! THE NEW HERO'S PARTY SURE IS LIVELY.
LEONARD-KUN, YOU'RE HERE AS WELL, HUH?

YO! KYLE! IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
RIGHT BACK AT YOU, LEONARD-KUN.
YOU APPEARING BEFORE ME, MEANS YOU'VE FINALLY AGREED TO CONCEDING THE PAST OF BEING SHION'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND TO ME, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? YOU'RE STILL A WEIRD FELLOW, HAHA!
I'LL TRADE YOU 10 BILLION KRUGS ALONG WITH MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
HE'S ROSELIA'S SECOND PRINCE, BERHARD-KUN
KYLE-KUN! ARE YOU JOKING!?
YOU'RE TERRIBLE!
ROSELIA'S SECOND PRINCE ...!?
WHEN DID WE GET SURROUNDED BY SOLDIERS ...
WHAT IS GOING ON? WHY ARE YOU GUYS TOGETHER WITH ROSELIA'S TROOPS...?

THAT PRINCE IS KYLE'S OLD BUDDY.
WE WERE ALSO STARTLED BY THE CURRENT DEVELOPMENT.
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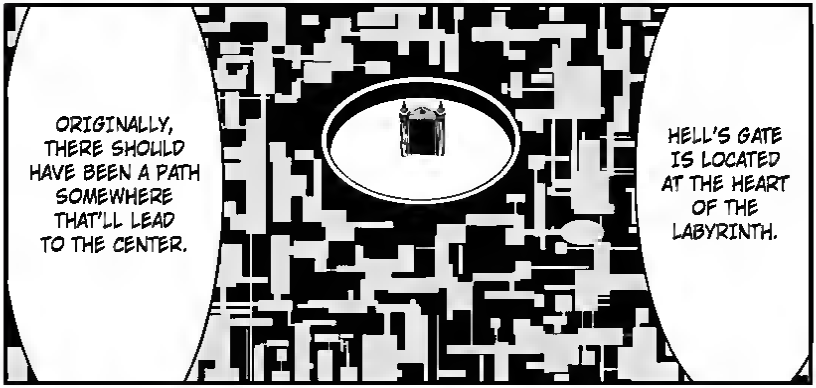
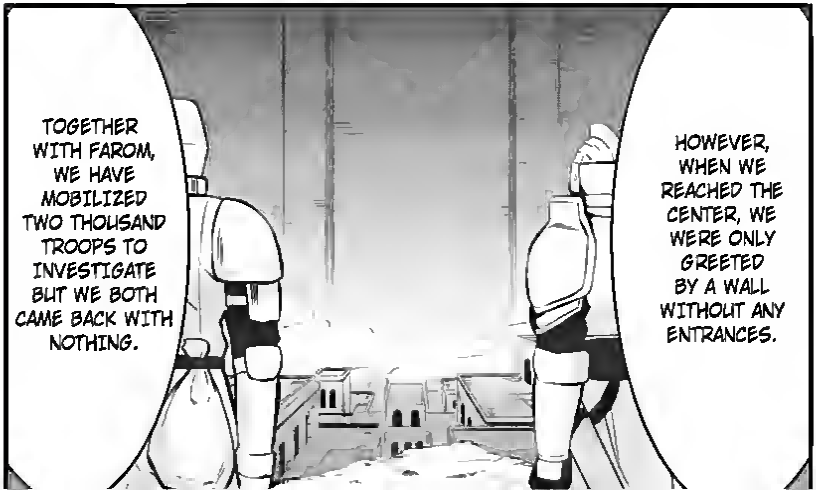
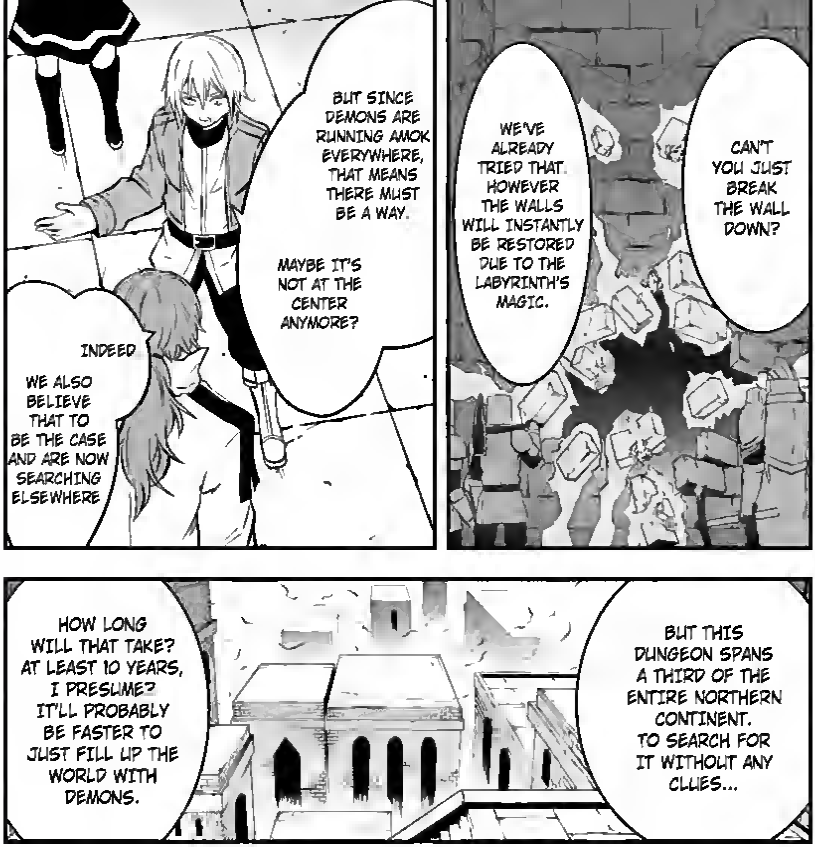
YOU MUST BE SHION.
I AM ROSELIA'S SECOND PRINCE, BERHARD ROSELIA.
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU.
LI-LIKEWISE ...
HOWEVER, I MUST APOLOGIZE EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR TIME TO COME HERE...
THERE MIGHT NOT BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR POWER.
EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ..?

WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND THE PATH LEADING TO HELL'S GATE.


ORIGINALLY, THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PATH SOMEWHERE THAT'LL LEAD TO THE CENTER.
HELL'S GATE IS LOCATED AT THE HEART OF THE LABYRINTH.


TOGETHER WITH FAROM, WE HAVE MOBILIZED TWO THOUSAND TROOPS TO INVESTIGATE BUT WE BOTH CAME BACK WITH NOTHING.
HOWEVER, WHEN WE REACHED THE CENTER, WE WERE ONLY GREETED BY A WALL WITHOUT ANY ENTRANCES.


BUT SINCE DEMONS ARE RUNNING AMOK EVERYWHERE, THAT MEANS THERE MUST BE A WAY.
MAYBE IT'S NOT AT THE CENTER ANYMORE?
INDEED
WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE CASE AND ARE NOW SEARCHING ELSEWHERE
CAN'T YOU JUST BREAK THE WALL DOWN?
WE'VE ALREADY TRIED THAT. HOWEVER THE WALLS WILL INSTANTLY BE RESTORED DUE TO THE LABYRINTH'S MAGIC.

HOW LONG WILL THAT TAKE? AT LEAST 10 YEARS, I PRESUME? IT'LL PROBABLY BE FASTER TO JUST FILL UP THE WORLD WITH DEMONS.
BUT THIS DUNGEON SPANS A THIRD OF THE ENTIRE NORTHERN CONTINENT. TO SEARCH FOR IT WITHOUT ANY CLUES...

IN OTHER WORDS ...
EVEN A MIRACLE CAN'T SAVE US NOW.
WE ARE AT A LOSS OF WHAT TO DO.

IF YUNA BECOMES A CHARACTER LIKE KYLE AND RUNS AROUND NAKED.
SO WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT!?
WHAT IS WITH THIS APPEAR-ANCE!?
I'M IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS KYLE ..!?
THIS SEEMS LIKE A FAIRLY COMMON OCCURRENCE IN THE ORIGINAL STORY